

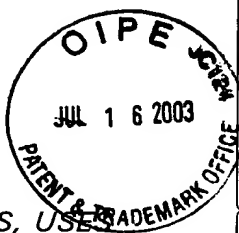
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed January 17, 2003, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace claim 50 with amended claim 50 as follows (a marked-up copy of the claims is attached to this amendment):

50. (Twice Amended) A method for producing a transgenic plant, comprising introducing a satellite artificial chromosome (SATAC) into a plant protoplast; and  
growing the protoplast under conditions to produce a transgenic plant.

**REMARKS**

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